

## Message Text

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ACTION ARA-14

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS, EC  
SUBJECT: ARMS FOR ECUADOR

REF: STATE 183928

1. AS THOSE WITH WHOM I DISCUSSED THIS IN THE DEPARTMENT  
AND AT THE NSC EARLIER THIS MONTH ARE AWARE, I HAVE  
RESERVATIONS ABOUT OFFERING THE GOE AN AIR DEFENSE SURVEY  
TEAM (WHICH IT HAS NOT REQUESTED) UNDER CONDITIONS IN  
WHICH THE USG WILL NOT SELL ECUADOR THE MAJOR WEAPONS  
SYSTEMS WHICH THIS SAME TEAM PROBABLY WILL CONCLUDE ARE  
NECESSARY FOR AN ADEQUATE AIR DEFENSE.

2. BEFORE GIVING THE DEPARTMENT MY DEFINITIVE RECOMMENDATIONS,  
HOWEVER, I HAVE WANTED TO TAKE SOME INFORMAL SOUNDINGS AT A  
HIGH LEVEL IN THE GOE TO GET A BETTER IDEA OF THE LIKELY  
REACTION SHOULD THE OFFER BE MADE FORMALLY. BECAUSE OF THE  
VISITS OF CODELS YATRON AND WOLFF LAST WEEK I HAVE ONLY  
BEEN ABLE TO BEGIN TO TAKE THESE SOUNDINGS WITHIN THE LAST  
24 HOURS. I EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO REPORT FURTHER TO  
THE DEPARTMENT BY THE END OF THIS WEEK.  
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